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REMARKS

Applicants provide a complete listing of the claims. Claims 1-20 and 22 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 18-20 and 22. However, in order to expedite the issuance of objected claims 21 and 23-32, claims 21 and 23 have been amended. Claims 21 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. Support for these amendments can be found in the originally filed claims and specification. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in related applications. Applicants submit that no new matter is presented by these amendments and respectfully request entry of the same.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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